

# USA PP-06 Proposals

Under the direction of Resolutions 106, 107 and 108 (Marrakesh, 2002), the ITU Membership has reviewed the structure, management and functioning of the Union, in order to ensure that ITU processes and activities are adequately responsive to the rapidly changing telecommunication environment. The United States believes that the structure of the Union is sound and provides sufficient flexibility to respond to the needs of the Membership. We remain committed to further improvements to the efficacy, accountability and transparency of the ITU, particularly as we consider the functions of ITU Council and the Secretary / Deputy Secretary General. The U.S. proposals contained herewith are a first step in that direction. Consistent with the terms of the Constitution and Convention, the United States reserves the right, and looks forward to the opportunity, to offer further proposals at a future time.

It is critical that the ITU continue to perform its core competencies in the service of its Members, recognizing the challenges of the current economic environment. Consistent with our approach to broad UN Reform, the United States believes we must ensure the highest standards of integrity and promote efficiency within the ITU so that Member States and Sector Members receive the greatest benefit from resources invested in the institution. We must continue to implement measures to improve oversight and accountability by strengthening the ITU Council. We must identify cost savings and allocate resources to those activities of a highest priority. In this regard, the ongoing progress toward linking the ITU's strategic plan, operational plans and financial plan is especially important.

During the 2002-2006 period, the ITU played the lead managerial role in the two successful Phases of the UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). In the Geneva Declaration of Principles, the ITU's core competencies in the areas of bridging the digital divide, international and regional cooperation, radio spectrum management, standards development and the dissemination of information were highlighted as crucial for building the Information Society. The ITU must continue to perform these key activities so that the shared vision articulated in the WSIS outcomes can be achieved. Therefore we see no need to change Article 1 on the purpose of the Union in order to carry out results of WSIS, nor do we think a change is needed in the definition of telecommunications.

The Membership must now determine how best to incorporate the results of the Summit that are in line with the mandate of the Union, bearing in mind limited financial resources. A good place to begin is to focus on those areas where the ITU has been named facilitator/moderator: "information and communication infrastructure" and "building confidence and security in the uses of ICTs".

# CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

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NOC

## ARTICLE 8

### Plenipotentiary Conference

**Reason:** The United States believes that the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) continue to be relevant in today's world as billions of dollars of international telecommunications traffic are successfully settled under its current provisions. Any attempts to terminate or modify such an important document must be assessed in light of the benefits gained from the current treaty.

## ARTICLE 9

### Principles Concerning Elections and Related Matters

USA/ /2  
NOC 62

*b)* the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux shall be elected among the candidates proposed by Member States as their nationals and shall all be nationals of different Member States, and at their election due consideration should be given to equitable geographical distribution amongst the regions of the world; due consideration should also be given to the principles embodied in No. 154 of this Constitution;

**Reason:** Experience has shown that the current number of elected officials is appropriate: Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, and the Directors of the three Bureaux. Increasing the number could lead to cumbersome and less efficient administration, while lowering the number may overload the remaining elected officials. Five elected posts should be maintained to allow for the most democratic participation in the administration and management of ITU matters.

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NOC 63

*c)* the members of the Radio Regulations Board shall be elected in their individual capacity from among the candidates proposed by Member States as their nationals. Each Member State may propose only one candidate. The members of the Radio Regulations Board shall not be nationals of the same Member State as the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau; at their election, due consideration should

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be given to equitable geographical distribution amongst the regions of the world and to the principles embodied in No. 93 of this Constitution.

**Reason:** The current size of the Radio Regulations Board, which was established at the Minneapolis Plenipotentiary Conference in 1998 and reaffirmed at the Marrakesh Plenipotentiary 2002, is sufficient to allow the Board to perform its duties as defined in the Constitution and Convention, and to allow for equitable geographic distribution among the regions of the world.

## ARTICLE 11

### General Secretariat

**73** 1) The General Secretariat shall be directed by a Secretary-General, assisted by one Deputy Secretary-General.

**USA/ /4** The Secretary-General shall act as the legal representative of the Union.  
**ADD\* 73bis**

**Reason:** To reposition CS76.

**USA/ /5** 2) The functions of the Secretary-General and Deputy  
**MOD 73A** Secretary-General are specified in the Convention. In addition, the Secretary-General, assisted by the Deputy Secretary-General, shall:

**Reason:** To specify functions and duties for the Deputy Secretary-General.

**USA/ /6** c) take all the actions required to ensure economic use of the Union's  
**MOD 75** resources and be accountable to the Council for all the administrative and financial aspects of the Union's activities;

**Reason:** Clarify the role of the Secretary-General stating clearly that they are answerable to Council for overall management of the Union's resources.

**USA/ /7**  
**SUP\* 76**

**Reason:** Elevated to **ADD\* 73bis**.

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MOD 77**

2 The Deputy Secretary-General shall support the Secretary-General and shall be accountable to Council; he<sup>1</sup> shall assist the Secretary-General in the performance of his duties and shall also undertake such specific tasks as may be entrusted to him by the Secretary-General. He shall perform the duties of the Secretary-General in the absence of the latter.

**Reason:**

To clarify the Deputy Secretary-General's role and to state clearly his accountability to Council.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Resolution 70 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the inclusion of gender mainstreaming in ITU, the language used in the basic instruments of the Union (Constitution and Conversion) is to be considered as gender neutral.

## CHAPTER II

### Radiocommunication Sector

#### ARTICLE 12

##### Functions and Structure

**USA/ /9**  
**MOD 85**

- e)* the Radiocommunication Bureau, headed by the elected Director who is accountable to Council for the operation of the Radiocommunication Bureau.

**Reason:**

To state clearly that the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau is accountable to Council for the operation of that bureau.

## CHAPTER III

### Telecommunication Standardization Sector

#### ARTICLE 17

##### Functions and Structure

**USA/ /10**  
**MOD 109**

- c)* the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, headed by the elected Director who is accountable to Council for the operation of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau.

**Reason:**

To state clearly that the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau is accountable to Council for the operation of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau.

## CHAPTER IV

### Telecommunication Development Sector

#### ARTICLE 21

##### Functions and Structure

**USA/ /11**  
**MOD 133**

- c)* the Telecommunication Development Bureau headed by the elected Director who is accountable to Council for the operation of the Telecommunication Development Bureau.

**Reason:**

To state clearly that the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau is accountable to Council for the operation of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

# CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

## SECTION 3

### ARTICLE 5

#### General Secretariat

USA/ /12  
MOD 84

- a) be responsible and accountable to Council for the overall management of the Union's resources;

**Reason:**

Consequential to USA/ /6.

### ARTICLE 11A

#### Radiocommunication Advisory Group

USA/ /13  
NOC 160A

- 1 The radiocommunication advisory group shall be open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representatives of Sector Members and to chairmen of the study groups and other groups, and will act through the Director.

**Reason:**

To continue affording the Director the advantage of being the focal point for advice from the Sector's Advisory Group.

### ARTICLE 12

#### Radiocommunication Bureau

USA/ /14

- 1 The Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau shall organize and

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**MOD 161** coordinate the work of the Radiocommunication Sector and shall be accountable to Council for that work. The duties of the Bureau are supplemented by those specified in provisions of the Radio Regulations.

**Reason:** Consequential to **USA/ /9**.

**USA/ /15** 2 The Director shall be accountable to Council, in particular,  
**MOD 162**

**Reason:** Consequential to **USA/ /9**.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **Telecommunication Standardization Study Groups**

**USA/ /16** 1 The telecommunication standardization advisory group shall be  
**MOD 197A** open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representatives of Sector Members and to chairmen of the study groups and other groups, and will act through the Director.

**Reason:** To align the Advisory Groups. See also **CV160A**.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **Telecommunication Standardization Bureau**

**USA/ /17** 1 The Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau  
**MOD 198** shall organize and coordinate the work of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and shall be accountable to Council for that work.

**Reason:** Consequential to **USA/ /10**.

**USA/ /18** 2 The Director shall be accountable to Council, in particular:  
**MOD 199**

**Reason:** Consequential to **USA/ /10**.



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ARTICLE 17A

**Telecommunication Development  
Advisory Group**

**USA/ /19**  
**MOD 215C**

1 The telecommunication development advisory group shall be open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representatives of Sector Members and to chairmen and vice-chairmen of study groups and other groups, and will act through the Director.

**Reason:** Consequential to USA/ /16.

ARTICLE 18

**Telecommunication Development Bureau**

**USA/ /20**  
**MOD 216**

1 The Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau shall organize and coordinate the work of the Telecommunication Development Sector and shall be responsible to Council for that work.

**Reason:** Consequential to USA/ /11.

**USA/ /21**  
**MOD 217**

2 The Director shall be accountable to Council, in particular:

**Reason:** Consequential to USA/ /11.

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